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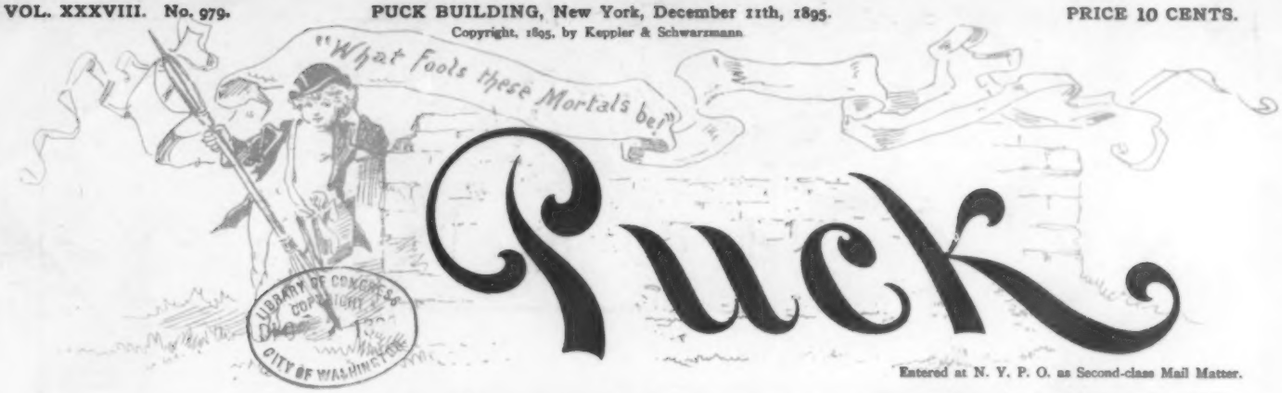

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HIS BATTLE-GROUND.

WHERE OUR BLOODTHIRSTIEST JINGO WILL BE FOUND WHEN A *Real* WAR COMES.

BUT NOT UNTIL THEN.

IN BYGONE days we 've raptured o'er
The Summer Girl down at the shore.
Then wheels galore throughout the land
Proclaimed the bike fad was at hand.

And, latterly, with caddies, cleeks,
The golf fiend recreation seeks.
The foot-ball is once more inflated;
Arms and legs are dislocated.

Thus we exist; at Fashion's spring
We slake our thirst for some new thing.
'T will be thus till the Judgement day;
E'en then the fad will be to pray.

H. S. McMaster.

ENTIRELY ON PAPER.

"Have you heard that there is to be another challenge for the America's Cup?"

"No. Who 's going to build the yacht?"

"Oh, they won't build any yacht; they 'll just enter her at the post-office as second-class matter."

SANTA CLAUS ON THE SITUATION.

"I tell you, folks — and I guess I know —
This bag ain't so hard to fill
As it was a couple of years ago,
When we had that McKinley Bill."

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PROVED.

HUSBAND. — I don't see why it was necessary to call the doctor when the baby had only a trifling cough.

WIFE. — Well, dear, I asked the doctor, and he said I did right.

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AN ADDITIONAL APPELLATION.

MRS. WOOLBERTON *(impatiently)*. — Get outen dis house yo' good fo' nuffin', lazy nigger! Yo' oughter be 'shamed ob yo'self, sittin' dar all de day long watchin' yo' po' wife make de libbin' fo' de fambily.

MR. WOOLBERTON *(with a whine)*. — Yo' did n't useter talk to me dat way afo' we was dun married. Yo' useter call me Sugar, den.

MRS. WOOLBERTON. — Yes; an' I calls yo' sugar now — loaf-sugar. Dat 'a what yo' is — loaf-sugar!

THE HORRORS OF WAR IN CUBA.

"General," said the officer who had conducted the reconnoissance, "if we enter the town, many brave men will fall."

"How so? Have not the enemy evacuated the place?"

"Yes, General; but they have covered the streets with banana peels."

ANOTHER GOOD MAN GONE WRONG.

FIRST COLLEGE MAN. — How did they come to leave Van Tackle off the foot-ball team?

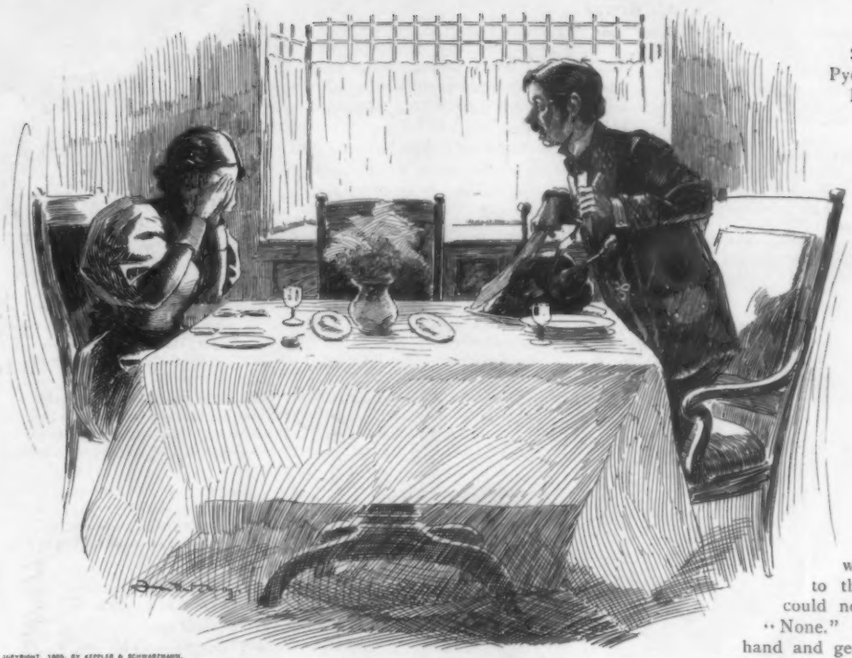
SECOND COLLEGE MAN. — Well, he has n't been attending to his work.

FIRST COLLEGE MAN. — How is that?

SECOND COLLEGE MAN. — Don't know, exactly. I think he got interested in chemistry or something of that kind.

FERRY ME OVER, QUICK!

Over the river, over the river
My loved ones beckon to me;
For Gotham town on Sunday morn
Is too dry a place for me.



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THEIR FIRST THANKSGIVING AT HOME.

MR. NEWBRYDE *(attempting to carve the turkey).* — Good heavens, Mary! what have you stuffed this turkey with?

MRS. NEWBRYDE *(with dignity).* — Why, with oysters, as you told me.

MR. NEWBRYDE *(again trying to force his knife through).* — But it feels like rocks or stones.

MRS. NEWBRYDE. — Oh, you mean, horrid, cruel brute! That is the oyster shells. You always told me the only way you liked oysters was in the shells. Boo! hoo! hoo!

A CHRISTMAS EVE SUGGESTION.

OF COURSE I 'd hang them up to-night,
Just where the fire's dying glow
Their filmy silken web will light
And fairy-woven fabric show.

Upon the hearth, beneath the pair,
Where naught their dainty shapes could screen,
'd place those bits of boots you wear; —
And when the saint their grace has seen

He 'll drop his pack — that 's what he 'll do —
And end his airy midnight roam, —
Leave everybody's gift with you,
To snatch the four and bolt for home.

Layton Brewer.

NONE GENUINE WITHOUT IT.

SHE. — I think that is the coat-of-arms of Lord Pycrust's family.

HE. — Yes; I believe it *is* their trade-mark.

IN KENTUCKY.

"I wonder what would be a suitable wedding present for the Colonel?"

"I don't happen to remember his favorite brand."

UNFORTUNATE PREDICAMENT.

S. TAMMER. — H-h-how m-m-m-much do y-y-you ch-ch-ch-arge for a m-m-mes-sage to H-H-Hart-ford?

TELEGRAPH CLERK. — Twenty-five cents for first ten words, and two cents each for every additional word.

S. TAMMER. — B-b-b-but Ger-Ger-Gracious! I stut-stut-stut-ter!

DEFEATED BUT NOT DISMAYED.

"Is there any hope?"

The sufferer's wife knew what her answer meant to them both, but she could not deceive him.

"None." She took his hand and gently stroked it. "The doctor says you have n't the least sign of *appendicitis!*"

Flinging aside the hot-house grapes with an anguished moan, the aspirant for social recognition rushed downtown and left his measure for a corduroy vest.

A BROKEN HEART.

When the maiden firm refused him,
All joy his soul forsook;
For that morn his wife had told him
To hire a real good cook.

AS A MEASURE OF MODESTY.

DOLLY. — Well, I 'm not surprised that ninety-nine per cent. of the wheel-women in Chicago wear bloomers — you know that city's reputation?

POLLY. — For all that 's advanced and up-to-date?

DOLLY. — No; as the "Windy City."

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"It takes a very clever man to get round a woman, nowadays."

IT 'S NOT at all surprising that many a broken heart is directly traceable to the practical workings of marriage brokerage.

CONVENIENT.

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MISTRESS *(showing new servant around the house).* — Now, we are going out to the theatre, and if anything happens, just ring this call three times for a policeman.

SERVANT *(after having turned the crank and officer* MULHOLLAND *rushes into the room).* — For th' love av Hivin! yez did n't lose no toime comin'. Sit down an' make yersilf at home. It 's a great convaneance thim bells do be whin a gur-rul feels a bit lonely fer a gintleman's company av an evening.

THE HAWTHORN SPRAY.*

By H. C. Bunner.

A Pantomime in Four Acts. Continued from Christmas Puck, *No. 978.*

ACT III.

Scene — Pierrette's Home.

When now the curtain rises,
Sweet May has turned to June,
To June, whose birds a-singing,
Send blossom flakelets winging
On winds that lightly play
Mid the leaflets made in May,
And bear unto lovers the tender tune
That the gay world hears in the month of June —
The month of love's emprises —
When now the curtain rises.

Strange is the picture that comes to sight,
For the maiden sits in the shade on the right,
And away across the room in the light
The Doctor reads, and between are set
A Notary old, and Mama Pierrette.
They turn over papers and look up accounts,
And make memoranda and make up amounts,
And all the details of the dowry decide,
That the Doctor 's to settle upon his fair bride.

For when age goes a-wooing the suit may be short,
But long is the bill that must pay costs of court;
And never was marriage settlement yet
So easily managed as this for Pierrette.
For the Doctor 's absorbed in his chemistry book,
And for love nor for business has never a look.
Mama and the Notary fix each detail,
Pierrette in her corner sits pouting and pale;
They show her the papers; she throws them all down,
And her sweet little face wears a sweet little frown.

But now for a witness — by hook or by crook
The Doctor is torn from his wonderful book,
And made to see that he 's got to go
For another service to poor Pierrot;
It is no small matter to get him to start —
And then how do you think he *does* depart?
Why, he shakes the Notary by the hand,
Bows to Mama with a manner grand,
And goes — and I 'm blest if he did n't forget
To say "au revoir!" to little Pierrette.

And little Pierrette, like a child afraid,
Bursts into weeping and will not be stayed.

Oh, what 's the matter, heart of mine,
The day has grown so long?
The bird that used to sing in thee
Has quite forgot his song.
Oh, heart that ever sang in sun,
Thy sun is clouded o'er;
What light shall joy thee now, my dear,
Dear heart that sings no more?

It was a simple strain to sing,
But back it came to me
On every breeze that stirred the air
And moved the murmuring tree:
From highest depths of heaven blue
That hide the birds who soar,
Thy song came back to answer thee,
Oh, heart that sings no more!

But now the blue sky echos back
No answering note to me;
Perhaps it, too, regrets thy song,
Oh, heart that sang so free!
But, oh! it can not sorrow,
The dear day's gone before,
As I must sorrow, heart of mine —
Oh, heart that sings no more!

Pierrette weeps on her mother's breast,
But the fluttering heart will not settle to rest;
They try to soothe her, and both unfold
The magical power of the Doctor's gold.
Why, she can ride in a carriage of state,
Eat off gold and silver plate,
Live in a palace, if so she please,
And, in fact, be a lady of infinite ease!
But there 's Pierrette, with her young heart set
On something that money can never get.
Of the price she has brought, it 's little she 'll reck,
And she strains her arms round her mother's neck,
Till, just to humor and please the child,
To Fate and her bargain unreconciled,
Mama and the lawyer with shame-faced looks
Gather their papers and pens and books,
And hurry away to another room,
To execute the decree of doom,
Leaving Pierrette with her eyes all wet —
Poor little, poor little, poor Pierrette!

And now the Doctor is coming again,
And poor Pierrot with a heart full of pain,
And as they catch sight of the open door,
Pierrot sends the old Doctor before,
To make love to the maid whom he ought to adore.
Outside of the window stands faithful Pierrot,
And the Doctor takes pattern by *his* dumb show;
And oh, and but oh!
It 's a pitiful show,
For the mocking-bird never can teach the crow,
We know.

Sing a song of one a-wooing —
Sing a song of one a-wooing,
Sing a song of one a-wooing,
Of one who came too late to woo.

He bowed and smiled and bowed and smiled,
But all too late his bows and smiling,
For, oh! the maid was none beguiled,
For aught, at least, of his beguiling.

The more he sang love's tripping tune,
The more she sought his song to smother
For, ah! she 'd learned it all too soon,
And she had learned it from another.

But when he clinked his purse of gold,
She bent her ear to catch the clinking,
And thought she thought him not so old,
As she 'd been thinking she was thinking,

Sing a song of gold a-wooing,
Sing a song of gold a-wooing,
Sing a song of gold a-wooing,
That ne'er can come too late to woo.

And so Pierrette averts her face,
But gives him her finger-tips in its place,
And on those rosy and taper tips
The triumphant old Doctor presses his lips.

But it 's only an instant the Doctor is blind
To the fact that his book he has left behind,
Where is it? — what happened it? — where is
it gone? —
He searches the table he left it upon,
And then with a countenance heavy with gloom,
He hurries away to the neighboring room,
Forgetting entirely Pierrette and Pierrot —
Had he looked he 'd have had at least one single smile
From Pierrette — for she 'd sat on the book the whole while.

Aud now she looks up, and their glances meet —
Pierrette in the room and Pierrot in the street,
And timidly, bashfully — who 'd suppose
That aught of bashfulness Pierrot knows? —
He seats himself on the window-sill,
And humbly meets a reception chill.
Pierrette tosses her head with pride;
Then her lip quivers — she turns aside;
He tries to make friends, but she draws apart,
For she doubts if he has such a thing as a heart,
And Pierrot tries his best to show that his breast
Has sheltered that dearest, most troublesome guest,
And he tries with such ardor to prove his case
That a dimpled hand suddenly
slaps
his
face.

Not he shall be a friend to me,
Who might not be my lover,
Nor will I rest upon the breast,
A heart that does not cover.

For though sweet friendship be not love,
It is for lovers only,
For the heart that can not love,
Must go forever lonely.

But I who love with all the love
That fills a heart to breaking,
Shall I, shall I be set aside
And held but worth forsaking?
I who have known love's deepest pain,
And loved for love's sake only,
Oh! shall I be set aside
To go forever lonely?

And all that he got for pleading his case,
Was a slap, a slap, a slap in the face!

Re-enter the three from the other room,
Notary, mother and aged groom,
The contract is ready for signing. Pierrot
Nerves his poor heart for this moment of woe,
Remembers his bargain and snatches his pen —
And signs as a witness, and all sign — and then —
The stupid old curtain goes down again.

* * *

When the curtain falls on love,
All the sky is dark above,
For what are skies of brightest blue
So that your true love be not true?

Truth is truth the world around,
But a lover's truth is found
Where it may please his heart to woo —
'T is not to me my true love 's true!

(Continued in our next.)

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ART *VS.* UTILITY.

FOR DECADES past, upon each Christmas, someone 's
A cushion, large or little, given me;
Some dainty, *chic*, and others very rum ones,
But all to hold my pins, — ostensibly;
One has lace frills enough to make a bonnet,
And ribbons to secure it 'neath the chin;
Another, PINS embroidered deftly
on it —
But I long desired a cushion
where I could
stick
pins
in.

These touch-me-nots long since displaced my linen,
My trunk filled first, and then my chiffonier;
And all the time I 'd naught to put a pin in —
At *best* they 're pesky things to disappear.
But Fortune smiled at last, and I 'm possessor
(The giver's *heart* I 'm making *now* to win!)
Since New Years — when I found it on my dresser —
Of a cushion I am *not* afraid to
stick
pins
in.

Edward W. Barnard.

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NO TRAINING LIKE IT.

FIRST SPECTATOR *(to man above)*.— That chap with the big shock of hair seems to be perfectly invincible; — sweeps them all before him with perfect ease.

SECOND SPECTATOR.— Yes; — he comes from Brooklyn, and he 's been crossing the bridge twice a day, during the rush hours, for some years.

THE GREAT ATTRACTION.

SMITH.— My wife gave me a pair of beautifully embroidered suspenders. They 're simply gorgeous.

JONES.— You like them, do you?

SMITH.— Yes; I like them because they don't show.

THE NATURAL INFERENCE.

DEALER.— *Everybody* buys our shoes.

CUSTOMER.— Then I suppose you are trying to sell them to everybody else.

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BY THE YARD.

EDITOR SLAMMER *(of the Deadgulch News)*.— Yes, Ike, that poem you submitted yesterday about "Gentle Spring" was very good as far as it went; but it was n t quite long enough.

ALKALI IKE *(brightening)*.— Thank you, sir! I 'll write a longer one to-day.

EDITOR SLAMMER.— Do! You see when Bronco Pete shied th' brick at me through th' window the other day, it carried away most of the pane; and your poem of yesterday does n't cover more 'n half the hole.

PROVED CONCLUSIVELY.

LAWYER.— Judge, we admit that our client entered the hall and purloined the goods in question; but this is a case of unintentional wrongdoing, for my client is a kleptomaniac; he only took two handsome umbrellas.

JUDGE.— Discharged!

HIS BLUFF CALLED.

HE.— I was going to ask you to go sleighing with me to-day, but there 's no snow on the ground.

SHE.— Then, I am afraid, you will have to get a carriage.

NO MATTER how costly a man's experience has been, he is generally willing that other people should have the benefit of it gratis.

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REFUSING TO BRACE HIMSELF.

MR. O'HARA.— Oi 'll not have thot doctherno more, Honoria!

MRS. O'HARA.— And phwy?

MR. O'HARA.— Sure, he towld me to take plenty of iron and build up me systim. Phwat does he tek me fur — a twinty-shtory office buildin'?

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THE DEBATING SEASON.

AND NOW the rural lyceum sage,
From Maine to Arkansaw,
With pro's and con's will romp and rage
And wag his awful jaw.

When he has done each urgent chore,
His mittens warm he 'll don,
And on the village school-house floor
He 'll talk of Rubicon.

He 'll say if Cæsar was a jay
For crossing that famed river;
And if it 's true that clover hay
Gives cows the hollow liver.

He 'll also tackle Washington,
And tell all his mistakes;
And later on, Tom Jefferson,
And point out his "bad breaks."

That ancient problem, too, he 'll beg,
With arguments to thicken:
If she who laid, or hatched the egg,
Is mother of the chicken.

And so he 'll argue crocodiles,
And likewise alligators,
Till March shows by her genial smiles
'T is time for planting "taters."

G. A. Beckenbaugh.

THOUGHTFUL.

WIFIE.—Suppose, since times are so hard, we don't give each other any Christmas presents?

HUBBY *(enthusiastically)*.—Good! That 's the most economical suggestion you ever made.

WIFIE.—And we can put the money we save into the new seal-skin coat I must have this Winter.

HOW HE FIGURED IT.

SHE.—Jack told me that that hospital was built entirely at his expense. Is that possible?

HE.—Well, Jack's uncle cut him off with a thousand dollars, and left the rest of his money to build the hospital.

JUSTIFIED BY RESULTS.

BRONSON.—That is Professor Groskopf, the famous pessimist.

JOHNSON.—His books have a good sale, have they not?

BRONSON.—They sell like hot cakes.

JOHNSON.—Oh, well, he has good reason to be a pessimist!

A DOUBTFUL RECOMMENDATION.

SMITH.—Why not try the man who decorated our house? No one could possibly find fault with his work.

JONES.—You think not?

SMITH.—Decidedly not.

JONES.—I 'm afraid he would n't suit my wife.

TAKING THE WIND OUT OF HIS SAILS.

HE *(wishing to impart a moral)*.—Do you know why we men have no such trouble in getting our clothes as you women?

SHE *(on another tack)*.—Of course! It 's because you don't have to wheedle some one else into paying for them.

RICHES DO not make happiness; but, then, neither does poverty; so we might as well accumulate what money we can.

HIS MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTION.

JOHNNY.—An editor is a man what puts things in the paper, is n't he, Pa?

PA.—Oh, no, my son! An editor keeps things out of the paper.

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PLENTY OF IT.

BROWN.—Do you really think that bicycling gives enough exercise?

JONES *(just learning)*.—Enough? Why, man, it 's a gymnasium, toboggan slide, and razzle-dazzle rolled into one!

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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

A NATURAL SHRINKAGE.

WHEN A MAN in public life loses his prestige, and his personal influence and power among men, it is generally easy enough to find one specific cause for his misfortune. Perhaps he has gone too boldly against the trend of popular sentiment; perhaps he has imposed too much upon the confidence his followers placed in him; perhaps some act of stubbornness or foolhardy recklessness has cost him the respect of those who had given him credit for better judgement; perhaps his personal shortcomings have become so flagrant as to outweigh his value as a public man. Choose at random a dozen names among the well-known politicians and statesmen who have advanced successfully to a certain point, and then suddenly "petered out," and it is almost sure that, in eleven cases out of the twelve, friends and foes alike would agree on the cause of each individual downfall. And in the twelfth case, it is quite as certain that the same judges would decide that the man had petered out for the same reason that a mine peters out — because there is nothing more in him.

* * *

Five cases of would-be statesmen, shrunken to their true dimensions, are shown in our double-page cartoon; and interesting cases they all are. A few years ago every one of these men was a power in his own place. Their opponents might deny their possession of the virtues and capabilities which their friends claimed for them; but no one could question the fact that, by fair means or foul, each one had gathered together a following which gave him a political strength not to be despised, and sometimes to be dreaded. We can not but be surprised that such men should have been strong wielders of such political power. There is not one man among them who could ever be popular, in the broad sense of the word; who could awaken enthusiasm or inspire affection. Senator Murphy is a mere local politician, at the best, without a single qualification for public life, with nothing to him but a-plenty of money, and a "pull" in a particularly corrupt region of New York State. Senator Hill is a smart, astute, political trickster; heartless, cold, and frankly selfish. Senator Gorman is a man essentially of the same type, less blatant and showy, and with a broader experience of men and things. Senator Bryce's political shingle needs only a picture of a money-bag and a knife to illustrate the character of the man, and his way of doing business. Senator Chandler is the only one of the lot who has ever attracted the national attention, and got a certain credit for his audacity and combativeness.

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How long ago is it since the "Hill Machine" was a terror in New York politics? How long ago is it since Gorman and Bryce carried their respective legislatures in their respective pockets? Have there not been times when Chandler has been seriously discussed as a "Presidential possibility?" Did not the very impudence of Murphy's unexpected injection into the United States Senate cause timorous people to wonder if he did not represent some new and unknown influence in politics? And yet, to-day, in that happy off-year before the Presidential campaign, when the humblest politician may enjoy a brief newspaper boom as a "possible Presidential candidate," who would give a thought to the greatest or the least of these five ex-bosses, deserted by their own followers, friendless among the people at large, and stripped of their own resources of ill-gained influence? The careless observer may wonder why they have shrunk from conspicuous figures to such dwarfed shadows of what they were — but what were they but the poor inflated creatures of the men who made and used them, and who can use them no more? Left to their uninflated selves, what do you expect them to do except to shrink, shrink, shrink, and keep on shrinking?

OVERHEARD AT THE DOOR.

THE INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE was just done. Cupid stood at the door of the church and bitterly mocked the wedding guests as they came out. He had not been invited, but had been forced to stand outside, along with the 8952 citizens of a free and enlightened republic who fought for the chance to look at a Duke. The last to come out was a Spirit, — a spirit of majestic mien that appeared to have had charge of the whole affair, from the betrothal to the signing of the Bill of Sale. Cupid eyed this Spirit fiercely.

"So you 're attending to these things now, are you?" he asked. "What right have you, i 'd like to know, to put Love to the door, to sacrifice these fine American girls on the altars of European profligacy? Is my reign to end? Come, who are you?"

"There, there!" said the Spirit, soothingly; "don't take on like that. You still have loyal subjects, and your reign shall never end; but I — the Spirit of Peace and the Proper Distribution of Wealth — have to take hold now and then. It 's this way: You hear talk every day about a social revolution that is coming, when the Masses are to rise up and throw off the galling yoke of Plutocracy. They say that the Millionaire is getting richer and richer, his wealth rolling to greatness like a snow-ball, and that, in time, a dozen men would have the wealth of the country and the people would be enslaved. Then, they say, the people would rise; they would burn and kill and pillage, and Terror would be king. That is what would happen, too, if I did not provide the Millionaire with a safety valve through which to blow off his wealth after it reaches a certain limit. I allow him to accumulate steadily for three or four generations because his thrift is a good example for the world; but when his wealth becomes so great that it is a menace to him and to society; when it increases at a greater ratio each year, and bids fair to attain dimensions that would precipitate this bloody revolution,— then I send him a noble son-in-law, and that moment the danger passes. Of course I have other ways of making holes in his pile — steam yachts and fast horses, gambling, wine, women, divorces and that sort of thing, but the noble son-in-law is the only sure emetic when a man has overfed himself on gold. With all his talent for usury, the Millionaire can not keep pace with an Earl whose patrimony has dwindled to half-a-dozen names and the King's Evil. European tradesmen go wild with delight, when I pull off an affair of this kind, and the croupiers at Monte Carlo nearly howl themselves into the croup; but I have averted bloodshed and social chaos, and you should be grateful to me instead of complaining."

Cupid dried his eyes, and, with new heart, stalked bravely down the avenue to the neat brown-stone house of Midas Munn. For, as this gentleman has but a modest competence of five or six millions, a noble son-in-law to relieve the congestion will not be needed until the next generation; and his daughter of to-day may marry for love if she be wooed rightly.

YOUR LAST CHANCE.

The CHRISTMAS PUCK, out last week, is now decorating all reputable news-stands. It is going fast. Better hurry if you want one. Your news-dealer will part with it for a quarter. If he is out, buy stamps with your quarter and send them to THE PUBLISHERS OF PUCK, PUCK BUILDING, NEW YORK.

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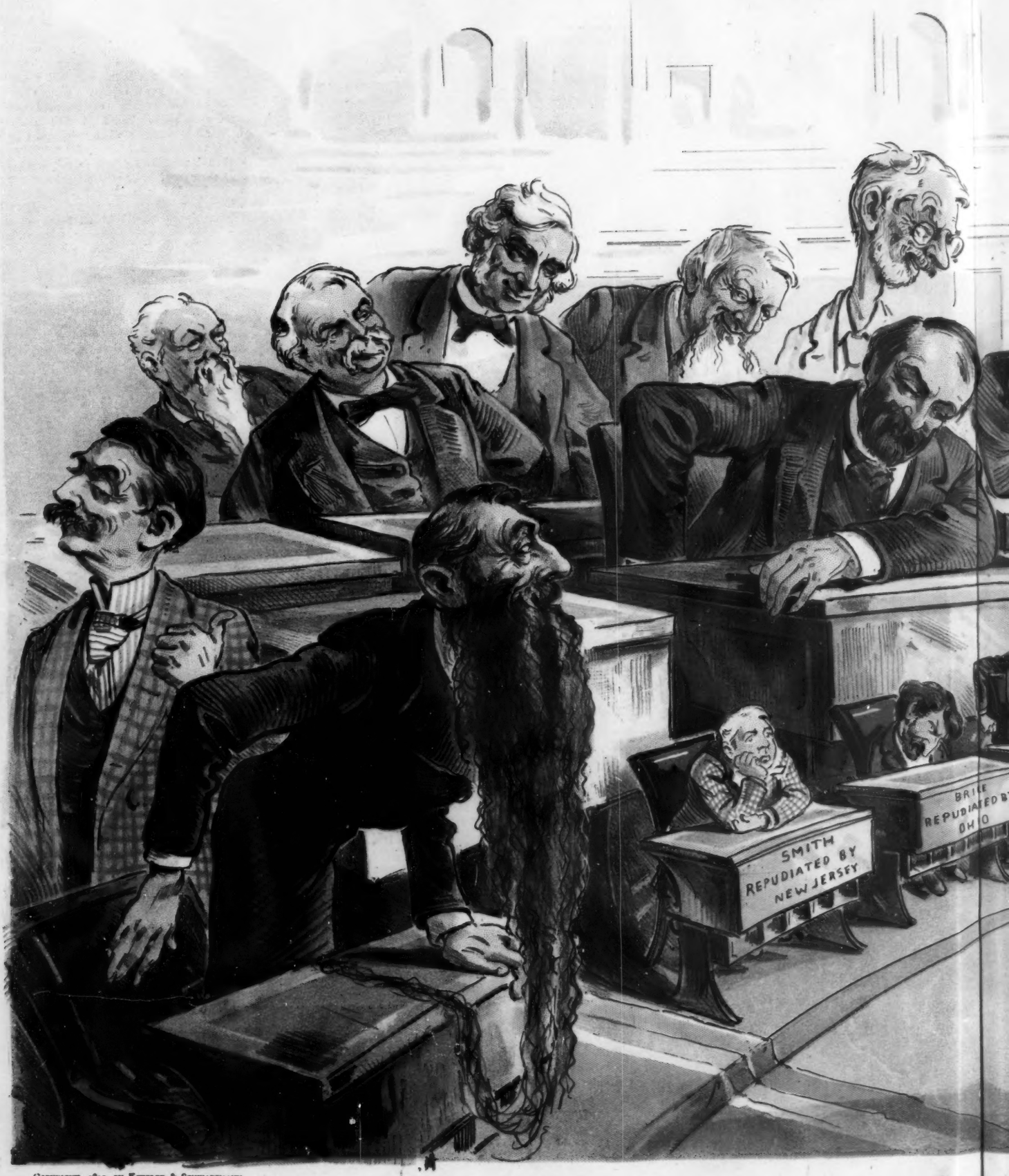
CRITICISM.

THE FIANCÉE.— But what could I say when he said he knew he was unworthy of me?

THE CONFIDANTE.— Well, I would n't have contradicted him so early in the engagement.



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GETTING HIM USED TO IT.

ROBBINS *(a visitor)*.— Say, Dobbins, why do you have all these horrible masks around the house when you are raising a child? You know, they say a child receives its impressions from its surroundings.

DOBBINS.— That 's just it, my boy! My wife's rich aunt is coming to visit us, and we have hopes of her making our little Henry her heir. I don't want him to be afraid of her, and I 'm breaking him in with these.

THE AGE OF INJUNCTION.

(Excerpts from a Newspaper published in 1950.)

THE LEGISLATURE adjourned yesterday, and a writ of injunction was immediately applied for restraining the Governor from signing any of the acts passed. Unless the injunction is dissolved in ten days, all of the work of the late Assembly will be undone.

As was expected, the Wandergool-Goosenberry nuptials were restrained yesterday, and both parties were cited to appear before the court on the 10th of next month and show cause why the injunction should not be made perpetual. The keeper of the hotel, where Count Goosenberry has been living, filed a cross-bill for board and prayed the court for a judgement thereon against Miss Wandergool.

The game between the New Yorks and the Bostons was enjoined on the application of the Philadelphias yesterday, with the result that the championship will go to the city of Brotherly Love.

American literature has been enriched by the recent publication of "The Ready Injunctioner," a work which no family can afford to be without.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has obtained a blanket injunction restraining all orators and editors in the United States from making any further allusions to the "Crime of '73."

The many friends of Dock Leary, the wife murderer, who was to have been hanged to-day, will be gratified to know that the execution has been enjoined. Mr. Leary is confident of obtaining a perpetual injunction.

Among the many excellent juvenile publications issued this year, none will be found more instructive and entertaining than "Injunctions for Infants," by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

William Hummer, a bill collector, is in trouble again. He insisted on presenting a bill for a suit of clothes to the Hon. John Smart, the well-known attorney, in defiance of the writ of injunction which Mr. Smart flourished in his face; and now he is serving a thirty days' sentence in the "cooler" for contempt of court. Bill is an old offender, and has given our courts of justice much trouble.

The Albany Lodge of the Amalgamated Brotherhood of Burglars has obtained a mandamus ordering the police of that place to vacate the town on the night of the 27th, and restraining the officers of the Fifth National Bank and the citizens generally from interfering with the operations of the Brotherhood for twenty-four hours.

Walker Kennedy.

A WHITED SEPULCHRE.

MRS. CALLIPERS. — What kind of a boy is Johnny Squanch, Clarence?

LITTLE CLARENCE.— He is an awful hypocrite; that 's what he is!

"Clarence!"

"Well, he is, Ma! He not only says he likes to go to Sabbath-school, just as all the boys do, now that Christmas is coming, but he actually sits there and listens to the lesson as if he enjoys it, and never squirms around nor kicks the other boys.

(His Wife's Aunt.)

HE OWNS IT.

The poets love to sing of Spring;
They do it all the time;
But Jack Frost is the fellow who
Doth make the Winter rime.

"THE SHADES of night were falling fast." They probably got off the rollers.

HALF A LOAF is better than an unpaid hotel bill.

WHILE HIS doctors differ, the "Sick Man" of Constantinople has a chance for his life.

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"MAN WAS MADE TO MOURN."

ISAACS.— Vell, vot does der egspert report?

COHEN.— He say der books vos all gorrect undt my gashier vos as shtraight as a shtring.

ISAACS.— Dot vos good!

COHEN.— Yes; but just t'ink vot I vill have to pay dot egspert, ven dere vos no need to hire him at all!

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A DIAGNOSIS UP-TO-DATE.

MISS SUMMERS *(sentimentally)*. — Ah, Mr. Wheeler! whenever I look at this bust of Danté, the sombre saturninity of it moves me strangely.

MR. WHEELER. — U'm-er, yes; the old gent has a regular bicycle face, has n't he?

WHEN HE PAUSED FOR A REPLY.

"And what," demanded the orator, "is the logical deduction from this statement of facts?"

"A hundred per cent." shouted the man in the back of the hall, who subsequently agreed to go out rather than be put out.

INACCURATE.

FRIEND. — Glad you are through with that case at last. I saw that the jury deliberated fourteen hours.

EX-JURYMAN. — No; that was the length of time we were out.

WE ALL WONDER.

"Here is an interesting query from an anxious inquirer," remarked the "Answers to Correspondents" editor.

"What does he want to know?" asked the Fish Story editor.

"He wants to know how we know the answers to all the fool questions our correspondents ask."

HER PREFERENCE.

MRS. DE GABB. — And would not you like to be clothed with the right of suffrage, my good woman?

MRS. MCLUBBERTY. — Oi belave Oi 'd rather hov a plum-coolered silk dress, av it 's ahl dhe same to yez, Mum.

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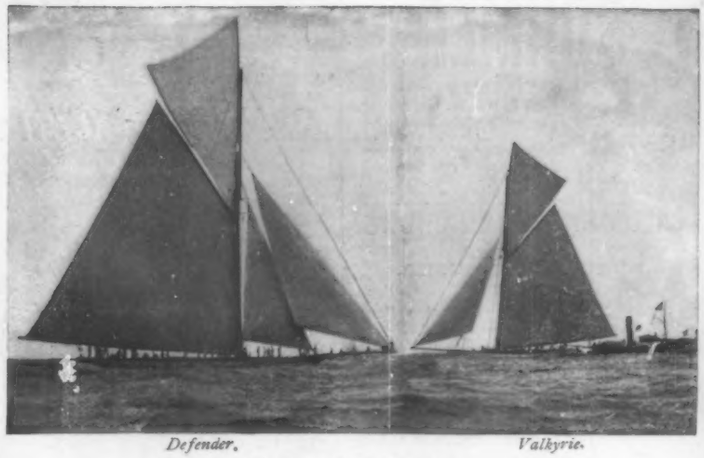
ANOTHER CENTRAL-AFRICAN ADAPTATION.

They have no rocking-horses in the Dark Continent, but they get along pretty well all the same.



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So Vinolia will long hold the medal.

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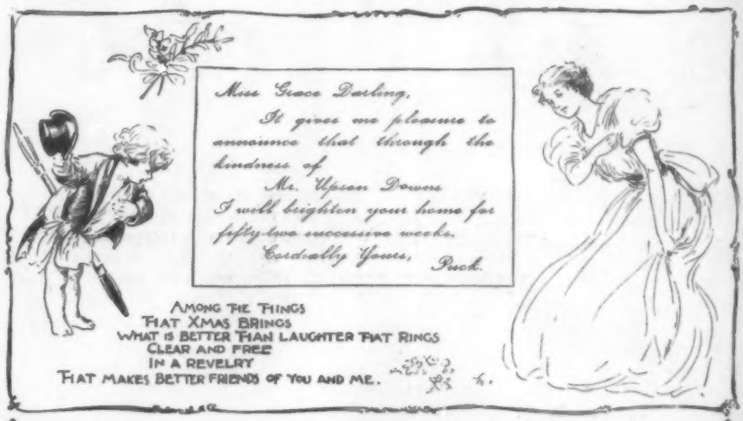

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A Suitable Christmas Present,

but have refrained from giving it, owing to the difficulty of making the presentation. The usual plan has been to present a receipted bill from the publishers; but as this is like putting the price-mark on a present, that plan has never been popular. It remained for PUCK to overcome this difficulty. If you desire to present a Subscription to PUCK to anybody, send us Five Dollars, and his (or her) name and address, which will be entered in our Subscription book for one year, and receive from us by return of mail a Card designed by C. J. TAYLOR, of which the above sketch gives the design in outline. This card, printed in five colors and gold, is truly a work of art, worthy of a place in an Album, or to be framed, thus being a perpetual reminder of the giver. The names of giver and receiver are *printed* on the card as indicated.

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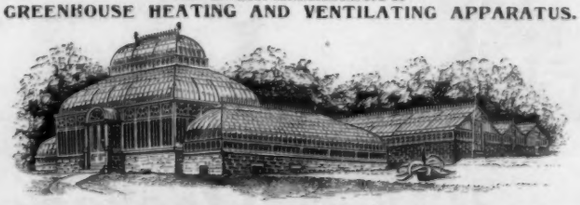

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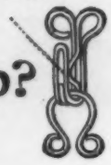

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NOT more than one man in ten combs his hair as the barber combs it. — *West Union Gazette.*

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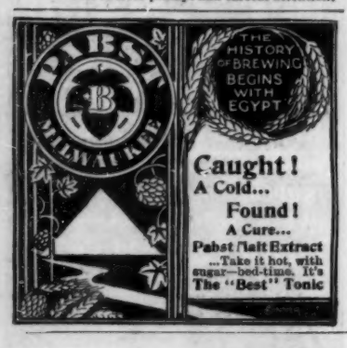

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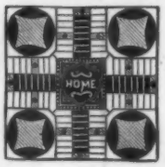

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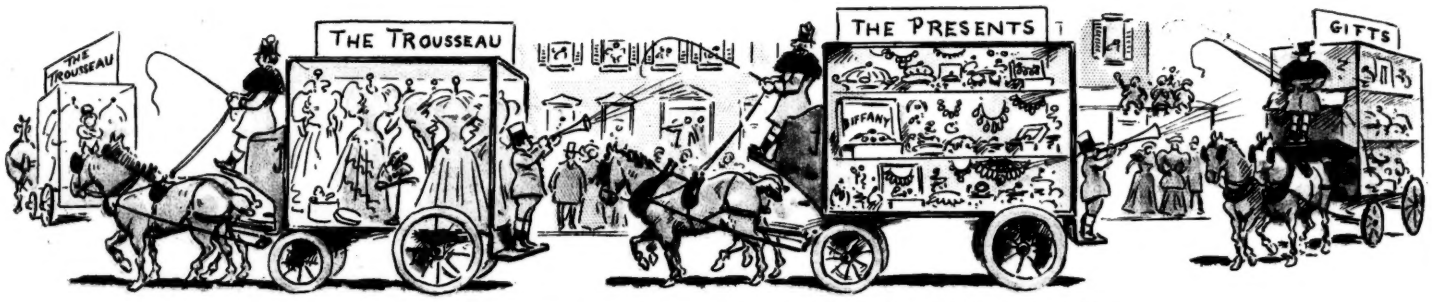

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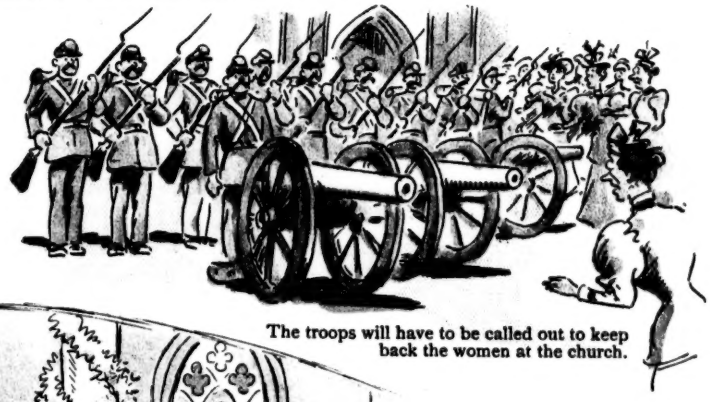

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